

## NEWSLETTER

### THIS YEAR'S GOLF SEASON STARTS WITH A SURPRISING TWOSOME

Tiger Woods and Stevie Wonder meet in a bar. Tiger turns to Stevie and says, "How's the singing career going? Stevie replies, "Not too bad. How's the golf?" Woods: "Have had some problems lately but I think I've got most worked out now." Stevie: "I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then the next time I play, it seems to be all right." Woods: "Incredulous! You play GOLF?" Stevie: "Yes, I've been playing for years." Woods: "But, you're blind! How can you play golf if you can't see?" Stevie: "Well, I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball towards his voice." Woods: "But, how do you putt?" Stevie: "I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice." Woods: "What's your handicap?" Stevie: "I'm a scratch golfer." Woods: "Wow, we've got to play a round sometime." Stevie: "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole. Is that a problem?" Woods: "I can afford that. Okay, I'm game for that. \$10,000 a hole is fine with me. When would you like to play?" Stevie: "Pick any night."

### SORRY GUYS, IT'S OUR YEARLY "GROANER" TIME AGAIN (thanks Alan Fleischer)

Broken pencils are pointless. <> All the toilets in the New Canaan police station have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on. <> Velcro...what a rip off! <> Cartoonist found dead...details are sketchy. <> This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore. <> I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down. <> When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble. <> Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils? <> How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

### MAY SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10:00am in Morrill Hall, St. Marks Church)

May 6 ANNUAL NCMC LUNCHEON MEETING - At the Country Club of New Canaan. Everyone is invited, open seating, plenty of parking. Cash bar starts at 11:30am, your choice of roast beef or salmon lunch at 12:20pm. Make reservations and pay at the Couth table at the Friday meeting. Cost: \$55, or \$60 at the door. You can also mail your check to Paul Stein, 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, Ct. 06840. Be sure to write "beef" or "salmon" on the check. Attending the lunch is a great relaxing way to meet others and enjoy the group.

May 13 David Bentley and NCMC member Jack Brophy, author of the book, "Blending Voices", will be talking about the transformation from the Big Band era of the 30's and 40's and the vocal groups within, to a new "sound" brought about in '48 by the Four Freshmen. Dave, Jack and NCMC Bill Ford sang together in a rehearsal group called "The Seventh Sound" which sang only Four Freshmen arrangements. Jack, Dave and Bill currently sing with Gentlemen Songsters along with other members from our Club.

May 20 Stuart Gibson is an international museum and cultural policy expert. He works in the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East. The title of his speech is "Kurdistan-The Moving Piece in the ISIS Puzzle" highlighting its role as a key player in confronting the ISIS threat. Kurdistan has been an unflinching ally of the US for over 20 years and since the emergence of ISIS, it has been a haven for those persecuted throughout the region.

May 27 No Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have 5 new members: Doug Zumbach, Stephen Orteig, Robert Caird, Gordon Smith and Peter Swanberg. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted that you have joined the New Canaan Men's Club!

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- Sidewalks of NY**     Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – NIEUW AMSTERDAM & OLDE NEW YORK - Train to NY, Subway to Bowling Green and stroll around the early Dutch trading post – New Amsterdam. An easy three mile walk below Wall Street with a stop for lunch on historic Stone Street. Limit: 14 people.
- Wednesday, June 22<sup>n</sup> – INTREPID SEA/AIR/SPACE MUSEUM – Train to NY and a Manhattan bus to Pier 86 and a tour of the historic WWII aircraft carrier, the Concorde, the submarine Growler and the space shuttle. An easy one mile stroll with lunch aboard or nearby the ship. Limit: 14 people.     Pete Stair (203-962-2034) or (hstair@gmail.com)

## ACTIVITIES - (Check the website at NCMENS.CLUB for updates)

- Amateur Chefs**     The May luncheon will be held at Lapham on Thursday, May 19th at 12 noon. \$15 per person. Sign-up at Couth Table.     Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Auto Club**     The Auto Club is making progress. Our initial meeting was held on April 17th with Caffeine and Carbureters. Seven Men's Club volunteers helped with traffic control and served as ambassadors for NCMC handing out membership applications to prospective MC members. Doug Zumbach was very grateful for the support. We are looking forward to the first official outing in June. Details TBA.     Andy Sherwood(203-966-7102) or (917-453-5353)
- Book Club**     The May book selected title is "Elon Musk: Tesla, Inventing the Future" by Ashlee Vance. Vance's book spotlights the technology and vision of Elon Musk, the renowned entrepreneur and innovator behind SpaceX, Tesla and SolarCity, who sold one of his internet companies, PayPal, for \$1.5 billion. This readable book explores one of the pressing questions of our age: can the nation of inventors and creators who led the modern world for a century still compete in an age of fierce global competition? Meeting Tues, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30p at Lapham.     Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107), Dan Eng (203-972-0649)
- Bridge**     Talk with friends and organize your own games after Friday meetings.     Marvin Newman (203-972-8165)
- Golf**     Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – H.Smith Richardson, Fairfield – 9:36am tee time, \$50 incl. cart  
Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Sterling Farms, Stamford – 9:33am tee time, \$44 incl. cart  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments**     The next meeting will be on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. The subject of discussion will be the performance of hedge funds.     Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505)
- Paddle Tennis**     End of year Paddle Tennis Party – Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Waveny.     Joe Adiletta (203-966-5843), Nick Guthrie (203-273-4051)
- Poker**     Meet on Tuesdays at Lapham, 11am-1pm.     George Perkins (203-972-6852)
- Table Tennis**     Play at the YMCA, Tuesday and Thursday at 8am.     Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)



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Dear Fellow SMC Member,

Our annual meeting luncheon at the elegant Country Club of New Canaan is one of the most enjoyable times of our calendar year. Set aside Friday, May sixth as the date when we will mix a little business with a lot of pleasure as we formally elect the new slate of officers for 2016-17, renew old friendships and make new ones. Parking is easy in the spacious lot or you can take advantage of GetAbout free services bringing you to the door.

The cash bar opens at 11:30AM for a social hour. Lunch, served at 12:20 pm, includes wine, salad and dessert. Delicious roast beef or salmon are the featured entrees on the menu- whatever you choose, you can't miss when the outstanding club chefs and service staff are on the job.

**Don't put it off, make your reservation right now!** All members are urged to be there for the election of the new slate of officers. The price of admission is a very reasonable \$55 in advance or \$60 at the door. You can bring a check written to the order of the MCNC to the next meeting and turn it in at the Reservations table or you can mail it to Paul Stein at 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840. Be sure to write "beef" or "fish" on the notation line.

A reminder-Getabout is offering free rides. Call them at 203-972-7433 to make an appointment.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Les De Villiers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Les De Villiers, President